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1-800-601-7200

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*Advocating for the rights and opportunities
for all women in the State of New Jersey*

Department of Community Affairs

Susan Bass Levin
Commissioner


Greetings from Commissioner Susan Bass Levin

At the Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) Division on Women, we work hard to advocate for the rights and opportunities of all women in the State of New Jersey. We have supported a number of laws and programs to empower women to address issues such as domestic violence, sexual assault, and training and employment opportunities.

We share your commitment to moving forward on an aggressive women's agenda. As a State, we must understand the historic disparity in women's income, as well as the unique role of women grappling with the demands of healthcare, education and working families. We must do more to ensure that women have access to business and development opportunities throughout the State. In that, we must make government work for women.

DCA's Division on Women is dedicated to developing a strong, progressive, pro-women agenda for the State of New Jersey. Working together, we are certain to make a profound difference.

Very truly yours,


Susan Bass Levin
Commissioner

The New Jersey Division on Women

Established by Statute in 1974, the Division on Women serves as New Jersey's central agency for the coordination of programs and services for women. The Division provides leadership in the formulation of public policy and in the development, coordination and evaluation of programs and services for women.

The staff works closely with other agencies to develop and support programs that help women in the areas of employment, education, childcare, family law, legal rights, violence against women and more.

The Division:

- administers programs
- provides grants and technical assistance
- supports statewide information hotlines
- promotes legislation to advances women's socio-economic status and legal rights

The New Jersey Advisory Commission on the Status of Women

The New Jersey Advisory Commission on the Status of Women was created in 1974. The Commission's mission is to advise and work with the Division on Women on issues of concern to women in New Jersey. The Commission also works in cooperation with county and municipal commissions and is a member of the National Association of Commissions for Women.

The Office on Women's Policy and Research

The Office on Women's Policy and Research analyzes and supports legislation that will advance the status of women in New Jersey. The Office also supports special research projects on the status of women in New Jersey, such as the the Women's Micro-Business Program, the Deployed Military Spouse's Assistance Program and NJ WomenCount.

The Support, Education, Employment & Training Unit

The Division's Support, Education, Employment, and Training Unit helps thousands of women achieve economic self-sufficiency through Displaced Homemaker Programs, Hispanic Resource Centers and Urban Women Centers. These centers offer education, supportive counseling, job readiness workshops, computer literacy, financial literacy, job placement and English as a Second Language classes, in addition to other services that meet the needs of eligible women.

The Office on the Prevention of Violence Against Women

The Office of the Prevention of Violence Against Women (OPVAW) was created in 1992 by Executive Order No. 61. The OPVAW provides legislative analysis, public education, and policy and program development on issues of violence against women, including domestic violence, sexual assault and sexual harassment.

The OPVAW also houses programs related to violence against women, such as Domestic Violence Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board and the State Rape Care Program, which provides funding for a rape crisis program in each county. Each rape crisis program assists survivors of sexual assault with a 24-hour hotline, individual and group counseling, accompaniment to the hospital, police and courts and other victim advocacy services.



Other grant programs include women's shelter grants, the Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline, Women's Referral Central Hotline, prevention of violence against women grants and police training grants.